

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2021
9 A.M.**

**This meeting was conducted electronically pursuant to Governor Carney's State of
Emergency declaration, effective March 13, 2020, as amended.
Town Hall is closed to the public.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the April 8, 2021, Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Saxton, Councilmembers, Randy Bartholomew, Sue Callaway, Carol Stevenson, Dick Oliver, Frank Weisgerber, Town Manager Maureen Hartman; Finance Director Renee McDorman; and Administrative Specialist Janet Powell. Councilman Derek Abbott attended remotely. Remote attendees: 11.

Discussion and possible action on the FY2022 Operating Budget

The Mayor recommended the Canal Water Quality Committee and the Town Manager work with Solitude Lake Management and DNREC for more concise and prepared research for the FY2023 budget. Motion by Councilman Oliver, seconded by Councilman Weisgerber. Motion carried 7-0.

The Mayor proposed removing the bocce ball proposal from the FY22 budget. Motion by Councilman Oliver, seconded by Councilman Bartholomew to remove the bocce ball proposal from the budget. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilwomen Callaway and Stevenson dissenting. Motion carried.

The Mayor proposed removing the pickleball proposal from the FY22 budget. Motion by Councilman Oliver, seconded by Councilman Bartholomew to remove the pickleball proposal from the budget. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilwomen Callaway and Stevenson dissenting. Motion carried.

The Mayor proposed to eliminate the \$3500 line item for an Air Injector from the CWQ budget and reduce the Police Department legal funds by \$600. Motion by Councilman Abbott, seconded by Councilman Oliver to remove the \$3500 line item and reduce the Police legal fund by \$600. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Kern, 409 Periwinkle, stated he was surprised and unaware of the bocce ball and pickleball proposals, whether it was due to his lack of attention or the communication from Town Hall. The Mayor responded that "in the future he would like to present the proposals to the public prior to submitting the projects to the budget."

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Weisgerber, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, to adjourn the April 8, 2021, Council Budget Workshop at 9:41 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.